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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8: Withdrawn

9. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a disorder associated with ~~The use of a~~  
~~paralyzing agent in combination with a growth factor to treat~~ spinal compression comprising  
administering an effective dose of a paralyzing agent to the intrinsic muscles of a patient in  
need of such therapy.

Claims 10-20: Withdrawn

21. (New) A method according to claim 9, wherein said disorder associated with  
spinal compression is selected from the group consisting of compression neuropathies, facet  
joint disease of the spine, sciatica, disc herniation and degenerated discs.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the disorder is disc herniation or  
degenerated discs.

23. (New) A method according to claim 9, wherein said paralyzing agent is botulinum  
toxin.

24. (New) A method according to claim 23, wherein said paralyzing agent is  
botulinum toxin A.

25. (New) A method according to claim 23, wherein said toxin is administered in a  
dose between 1 and 30 mouse units of toxin per injection site.

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26. (New) A method according to claim 23, wherein said toxin is administered in a single injection.

a' 27. (New) A method according to claim 23, wherein said toxin is administered via a plurality of injections.

28. (New) A method according to claim 22, further comprising the administration of a factor selected to enhance healing of the disc.

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